

REMARKS

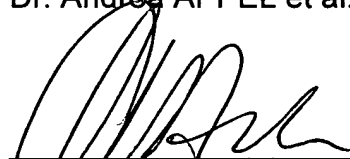
Entry of the foregoing amendment is requested prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

Applicants note that claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. By the above amendment, claims 3-9 have been amended to delete multiple-dependency.

The amendments made herein have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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